Dates of Election to the State Assembly, Council and Indian Parliament.

Q.—39. **Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Election Commissioner of India has intimated the dates of election to the State Assembly, Council and Indian Parliament;

(*b*) the respective dates of the election in Mysore State ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The elections will be held in January 1952. The precise dates are under active consideration and will be fixed early.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬರಲಿರುವ ಜನವರಿ ತಿಂಗಳಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಬೇಕೆಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದೂ, ಆದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸಹ ನಡೆಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.—ಅವರೇನೂ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಕಾಲವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಜನವರಿಯಲ್ಲೇ ನಾವೂ ಸಹ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಎಲ್ಲ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆಗಳನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.—ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga Muslim).—Are the electoral rolls prepared in respect of all the districts of the State ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Yes.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Has the Hon'ble Minister got the figures and the dates ? May I request him to enlighten us in regard to that ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I have got all the dates of the election in respect of all the districts of the State.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Have they been notified in the Gazette?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—It is being notified.

Steps to ensure fair Election to State Legislatures and the Indian Parliament.

Q.—98. *Mushir-ul-Mulk* **J. MOHAMED IMAM** (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the steps taken by them,

(i) to ensure free and fair election during the next elections to the State Legislatures and to the Parliament ;

(ii) to prevent the officers of Government and other public servants from taking part and using their influence in course of elections ;

(iii) to prevent the use of Government property for purpose of party propaganda ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(i) The elaborate provisions of the two Representations of the People Acts of 1950 and 1951 and the Rules framed thereunder are all enacted only to ensure free and fair elections all over the country. The officers conducting the elections are well conversant with these provisions.

(ii) It is a well-understood rule that Government servants should not take part in politics (Rule 318 of the Manual of General Circulars and Standing Orders) and any infringement of this Rule will be severely noticed. This point is also emphasised in a broadcast talk by the Chief Election Commissioner, India, copies of which have been widely distributed.

(iii) Government property can be used only for Governmental work and any other use can only be under the special orders of Government. It is not proposed to permit the use of any Government property for purposes of party propaganda.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Apart from the Representations of the People Acts and the Rules framed thereunder, have the Government taken any other steps to see that Government officers and public servants do not interfere in the elections ?